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LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on the 16th May, 1985:—

BILL No. 116 OF 1985

A Bill further to amend the Arms Act, 1959.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Arms (Amendment) Act, 1985. Short title.

2. In section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959,— Amendment of section 25 of Act 54 of 1959.

(*a*) in sub-section (*1A*), for the words "one year, but which may extend to five years", the words "three years, but which may extend to seven years" shall be substituted;

(*b*) in sub-section (*1B*), for the words "six months", at both the places where they occur, the words "one year" shall be substituted;

(*c*) after sub-section (*1B*), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

'(*1C*) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (*1B*), whoever commits an offence punishable under that sub-section in any disturbed area shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than three years but which may extend to seven years and shall also be liable to fine.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this sub-section, "disturbed area" means any area declared to be a disturbed area under any enactment, for the time being in force, making provision for the suppression of disorder and restoration and maintenance of public order, and includes any areas specified by notification under section 24A or section 24B.'.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Arms Act, 1959 regulates the acquisition, possession or carrying of firearms and ammunition and provides punishment for contravention of the provisions of the Act. There has been increased use of firearms, mostly unauthorised, by terrorists and others in committing violent acts. Such activities have been particularly noticed in 'disturbed areas' like Punjab and Chandigarh. The punishments provided for at present do not have a strong deterrent effect. There is, therefore, an increased need to provide for more stringent punishment to curb unauthorised access to arms and ammunition and to combat the growing menace of terrorism. It is accordingly proposed to provide for very stringent punishments for illegal possession or carrying of arms in disturbed areas and for contraventions of sub-section (1B) of section 25 of the Act in disturbed areas. It is also proposed to make the punishments for other contraventions of the said sub-section (1B) more stringent.

2. The Bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

NEW DELHI;
The 15th May, 1985.

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Secretary-General.

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